



GREY COURT

SCHOOL

**Year 9
Curriculum Booklet
2025-2026**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Year 9: A Year of Challenges and Choices

Year 9 marks the end of the National Curriculum Key Stage 3, which culminates in students being awarded the end of Key Stage 3 levels in all subjects.

In the Spring term students will be choosing their Key Stage 4 options. Many parents and students are anxious that correct choices are made at this point. The Options video presentation sent to parents on 26th February will address and support the making of informed choices for the future. Please encourage your child to study thoroughly and consistently throughout Year 9 in preparation for examinations and choices.

There will be some important decisions over the next academic year, and we will ensure your child has the best support available, as Year 9 students progress into Key Stage 4.

Grey Court offers a wealth of experience and opportunities, and students are encouraged to participate fully in all aspects of school life.

In Year 9, students often feel a greater sense of independence and maturity, with new social and personal pressures being faced and academic expectations increasing. Your child will need guidance to achieve a balance between academic and social demands. By working together we can enable them to make mature, responsible decisions. Key to this will be target setting, during which students are encouraged to engage with their own learning and discuss their progress with teachers and tutors.

I am delighted to oversee the academic and pastoral development of this year group alongside their Phase Leader, Mr Day, and to continue the very positive working relationships established between the students, parents and Key Stage 3 Phase team.

Please do not hesitate to contact me, Mr Day or your child's tutor, should you have concerns regarding your child's progress at school. I look forward to working in partnership with you in supporting your child.

Yours faithfully

Miss I Saccheri

Deputy Phase Leader – Year 9

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Key Dates for Year

2025

September

Mon 1st	Autumn Term Begins (Inset day for staff)
Tue 2nd	Years 7 & 12 return to school
Wed 3rd	Years 8, 9, 10 & 11 return to school
Thu 4th	Year 13 return to school
Thu 18th	Year 9 Parents' Information Evening
Fri 26th	School Photo Day

October

Wed 22nd	Activity Day
Half Term	Thu 23rd Oct (inclusive) - Fri 31st Oct - Staff & Years 11, 12 & 13 Thu 23rd Oct (inclusive) - Wed 5th Nov - Years 7, 8, 9 & 10

November

Mon 3rd & Tue 4th	Inset Day for Staff - Y11 & selected Y13s return to school
Wed 5th	Years 7, 8, 9 & 10 return to school
Wed 26th	Academic Tutoring Day

December

Mon 1st	Inset Day for Staff
Thu 11th	Christmas Concert
Fri 19th	Term Ends (early closure at 12pm)

2026

January

Mon 5th	Spring Term Begins - all students return to school
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February

Half Term	Monday 16th - Friday 20th Feb
Mon 23rd	Inset Day for Staff - Year 11 and selected Year 12/13 students attend
Tue 24th	Years 7,8,9 & 10 return to school
Thu 26th	Year 9 Parents' Consultation Evening
Fri 27th	Yr 9 Options Presentation to students period 6 at the Main Hall
Fri 27th	Options Video Presentation and Booklet sent to Parents via the E-bulletin

March

Wed 4th	Activity Day
Thu 19th	MOGOs Spring Competition
Fri 20th	Year 9 Options Form Deadline
Easter Break	March Mon 30th - Apr Fri 10th

April

Easter Break	March Mon 30th - Apr Fri 10th
Tue 22nd	Summer Term Begins - students return to school

May

Mon 4th	May Day Bank Holiday
Half Term	Mon 25th May - Fri 29th May

June

Mon 1st	Students return to school
Wed 10th	Sports Day
Mon 15th-Fri 19th	Year 9 Trial Exams
Week of 22nd	Options choices confirmation letter sent to parents

July

Wed 8th- Fri 10th	Activity Week (normal timetable suspended)
Summer Term Ends	Fri 17th July (early closure at 12pm)

All dates are subject to change – please check the website or e-bulletin for changes.

We aim to keep you informed at all times and always confirm important information as the date gets closer.

Year 9 Pastoral Team

Phase Leader	Mr S Day
Deputy Phase Leader- Year 9	Ms I Saccheri
Pastoral and Safeguarding Officer	Ms Taylor
Director of Wellbeing/ Deputy DSL	Mrs Mercer
Deputy Headteacher i/cYear 8 and 9	Mr Jacob
Associate Headteacher/ DSL	Ms V Price

Tutors 2025-2026

ASH	Ms Shackley
BEECH	Mrs Rose and Ms Hatchley (Wednesday only)
CEDAR	Ms Gibbons
ELM	Ms Lopez
MAPLE	Mr Cepero Santos
OAK	Ms Johnson
ROWAN	Mr McCrohan
WILLOW	Mr Paterson

Organisation of Teaching Groups

Some definitions of terms to begin with:

- **Mixed Attainment** teaching is when students from the full ability range are taught in one class.
- **Banding** is when the whole year group is split into two equal groups for timetabling purposes.
- **Setting** is when students are organised into teaching groups according to attainment, based on SATs and CAT scores. Year 9 sets will be reviewed at the end of the first half-term, and then at the end of each term to ensure that all students are placed in the set most suited to their needs.

Example:

9	A	X	/	Ma
Year	Band	Class		Subject

Mathematics In Year 9 students are taught in bands in groups set by attainment. The Head of Faculty reviews the placement of students in sets once a term.

English In Year 9 students are taught in bands in groups set by attainment. The Head of Faculty reviews the placement of students in sets once a term.

Science In Year 9 students are taught in bands in groups set broadly by attainment. The Head of Faculty reviews the placement of students in sets once a term.

Humanities and Computing In Year 9 students are taught in bands in mixed attainment classes. To enable timetabling, computing is linked to Humanities in the timetable.

Modern Foreign Languages In Year 9 students are taught in bands in mixed attainment groups.

Visual and Performing Arts (Art, Drama and Music) In the b band, there is one class that consists largely of students who were on the VPA scholarship programme in Year 7. The other classes are taught in bands in mixed attainment groups.

Design & Technology In Year 9, students are taught in bands, in mixed attainment groups. There are four DT rotations in the year. A Mindfulness programme, including a weekly session of yoga, makes up the 5th rotation in the DT block.

Physical Education All classes are taught in mixed attainment groups for the majority of activity units. Setting may take place for some activities.

GCSE Grading

All GCSE subjects use the 9 - 1 grading system.

Examinations will be graded from 9 - 1

Under this system, a 'good pass' – which used to be a C grade - is now a grade 5.

A 'pass' is a grade 4, which is comparable to an old low grade C.

The highest grades you can achieve are 9, 8 and 7 with a 7 being comparable to an A grade.

New grading structure	Current grading structure
9	
8	A*
7	A
6	B
5	
4	C
3	D
2	E
1	F
	G
U	U

GOOD PASS (DfE)
5 and above = top of C and above

AWARDING
4 and above = bottom of C and above

Homework

All students receive a personalised homework timetable at the start of the new school year which should be stuck into their planners. A copy of the school homework timetable can be found in this booklet and on the website. Details of homework tasks set will be posted by teachers onto Google Classroom as an Assignment. Students are not required to write down every homework piece in their planner, but there are 'notes pages' and 'key dates pages' for students to note significant deadlines down. Students should review their 'To Do List' on Google Classroom on a daily basis to monitor homework and to meet deadlines. Parents are able to view homework set via Edulink.

Definition

Homework refers to tasks that are required to be completed outside the timetabled curriculum but not necessarily at home. It contains an element of independent study in that it is not usually supervised directly or controlled by a teacher, and represents an extension of the learning activities provided. Such tasks include: investigations, research, reading, drawing, interviews, designing, learning facts/formulae/vocabulary, word processing, simple experiments, drafting, revision, desk top publishing, essay writing, report writing, making a model and projects.

Why set homework?

The aims of homework tasks are to:

- encourage independent study and develop perseverance and self-discipline
- embed learning that has taken place in class and skills that will form the basis for lifetime education
- encourage students to work at their own pace and in a manner appropriate to their aptitudes
- enable classwork to concentrate on those activities for which a teacher is required
- allow access to materials outside the classroom
- reflect the needs of the National Curriculum and the demands of examination courses.

Role of parents/carers

- provide encouragement and interest by checking, listening and testing
- offer a suitable environment where their child can work
- ensure the task is completed to the best of their child's ability
- monitor the homework set and sign the planner every week
- raise any subject-specific concerns regarding homework with the subject teacher and general concerns with the form tutor

Marking homework

Homework is graded on a four point scale – Very Good (VG), Good (G), Fair (F) or Inadequate (I)

VG Very Good - Homework deadlines are always met. Very good effort put into work

G Good - Homework regularly completed, good effort put into work

F Fair - Occasionally missing homework, basic effort put into work

I Inadequate - Homework rarely attempted or poorly done, lack of care

Homework Timetable: Year 9 2025-2026

Homework will be set in each subject once every 4 lessons

By Day A BAND (9 A B C E)

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Weekly	Maths		English		Science
Once every 4 lessons, even weeks	9aX Geography 9aL Geography 9aV History 9aL History	*9aV Drama 9aX Art 9aL Art 9aC Music 9aL RS 9aV Geography	9aV Music 9aX - Music *9aL Drama 9aC Art	9aV Art *9aX Drama 9aL Music *9aC Drama 9aC History	9aX History 9aC Geography
Once every 4 lessons Odd weeks	9aV Rs 9aC Rs *9aX Computing *9aC Computing	*DT 9aX RS	*9aL Computing	Mandarin Spanish	*9aV Computing 9aL Rs German French

By Day B BAND (9 M O R W)

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Weekly	English	Maths	Science		
Once every 4 lessons, even weeks	9bV History 9bX - Geography	9bV Art 9bX Art 9bL - Music *9bC Drama	*9bV Drama *9bX Drama 9bL Art 9bC Music 9bC Geography	9bV Music 9bX Music *9bL Drama 9bC Art 9bV Geography 9bX History 9bL History 9bC History	9bL Geography
Once every 4 lessons Odd weeks	*DT *9bL Computing 9bC RS	German French	*9bC Computing	*9bV Computing 9bX Rs 9bL Rs	9bV Rs *9bX Computing Spanish Mandarin

* DT (Design and Technology, *CT (Computing) and Drama may set homework for KS3 classes on either odd or even weeks. Total homework tasks per unit will be equal to or more than 50% of the number of unit weeks.

By Subject (Homework will be set in each subject once every 4 lessons)

A band maths	Mon	B band maths	Mon	A band Science	Mon	B band Science	Wed
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A band Eng	Wed	B band Eng	Mon	A band *DT	Tues (odd)	B band *DT	Mon (odd)
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A band Spanish/Mandarin	Thur (odd)	B band Spanish/Mandarin	Fri (odd)	A band French/German	Fri (odd)	B band French/German	Tues (odd)
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aV art	Thur (even)	bV art	Tues (even)	*aV drama	Tues (even)	*bV drama	Wed (even)
aX art	Tues (even)	bX art	Tues (even)	*aX drama	Thur (even)	*bX drama	Wed (even)
aL art	Tues (even)	bL art	Wed (even)	*aL drama	Wed (even)	*bL drama	Thur (even)
aC art	Wed (even)	bC art	Thur (even)	*aC drama	Thur (even)	*bC drama	Tues (even)

aV music	Wed (even)	bV music	Thur (even)	aV history	Mon (even)	bV history	Mon (even)
aX music	Wed (even)	bX music	Thur (even)	aX history	Fri (even)	bX history	Thur (even)
aL music	Thur (even)	bL music	Tues (even)	aL history	Mon (even)	bL history	Thurs (even)
aC music	Tues (even)	bC music	Wed (even)	aC history	Thur (even)	bC history	Thur (even)

aV geog	Tues (even)	bV geog	Thur (even)	aV Rs	Mon (odd)	bV Rs	Fri (odd)
aX geog	Mon (even)	bX geog	Mon (even)	aX Rs	Tues (odd)	bX Rs	Thur (odd)
aL geog	Mon (eve)	bL geog	Fri (even)	aL Rs	Fri (odd)	bL Rs	Thur (odd)
aC geog	Fri (eve)	bC geog	Wed (even)	aC Rs	Mon (odd)	bC Rs	Mon (odd)

*aV Ct	Fri (odd)	*bV Ct	Thur (odd)
*aX Ct	Mon (odd)	*bX Ct	Fri (odd)
*aL Ct	Wed (odd)	*bL Ct	Mon (odd)
*aC Ct	Mon (odd)	*bC Ct	Wed (odd)

* DT (Design and Technology, *CT (Computing) and Drama may set homework for KS3 classes on either odd or even weeks. Total homework tasks per unit will be equal to or more than 50% of the number of unit weeks. There is no homework set in wellbeing lessons

Personal Development & Wellbeing

A Statement of Policy

Personal Development and Wellbeing is an important part of every student's curriculum. Indeed, we currently not only meet but exceed all statutory requirements, including recommendations from leading groups such as the PSHE Association and Citizenship Foundation.

Our curriculum has been updated to account for the 2019 Sex and Relationships guidance, and all further updates from the Department for Education. Whilst we feel that Sex and Relationships education is vital for all students to access, we accept that, under the new guidance, parents can withdraw their children from Sex and Relationships education in PDW if they wish. Please note that this does not apply to other aspects of Sex and Relationships, taught in subjects like Biology or Sociology. If you wish to consider this withdrawal, please e-mail Miss H James (Assistant Head - Head of PDW) at hjames@greycourt.org.uk and Ms V Price (Associate Head) vprice@greycourt.org.uk

Our wider PDW curriculum aims to encourage our students to think carefully about all choices they make in life, which contribute to their overall development and the development of others within our inclusive community. We want all of our students to develop a positive self-image and a sense of personal worth and of a healthy physical, emotional and spiritual well-being. A termly outline of the topics covered for that term will be included in the e-bulletin.

Grey Court School prides itself on good working relationships between staff, parents and students and it is in this atmosphere of trust that development and wellbeing topics are covered. A variety of teaching methods are used to deliver PDW - these include group work, discussion, individual research and problem solving. We accept that there are differences and diversities of opinions which students may hold and within the framework of the school's expectations these differences are respected. The use of outside speakers and professionals has formed a positive supportive base for the staff and the students.

The Grey Court personal development and well-being curriculum is a responsive and fluid one, which actively listens to student and staff voices.

PDW is often brought into topics across many subjects within the planned curriculum, notably Science, Technology and Physical Education, with issues addressed in English and Humanities. PDW lessons are mainly taught by form tutors, with lessons taking place on a rolling timetable once a week throughout the year.

The Curriculum

At Grey Court School we aim to match the curriculum to each student's age, developmental stage and particular social pressures they are likely to encounter, interests and needs. We offer a co-ordinated programme in the following components: substance misuse, sex and relationship education (SRE), safety, health-related exercise, nutrition, personal hygiene, environmental aspects of health education, psychological aspects of health education, the individual as a citizen, extremist views, online media and free press, politics, friendships, civil rights, globalisation and skills based learning.

Progression in learning is ensured through the development and expansion of these topics at regular

intervals throughout the Key Stages. At each Key Stage, students are offered experiences which allow them to develop the understanding and skills to help themselves and others. We also invite specialists such as community health workers, to help deliver some sessions. Additional support is given through the school's inclusion policy to those students who need it and students may access counselling through their student support officers or phase leaders.

Year 9 Curriculum

The PDW curriculum at Grey Court is incredibly fluid, and will remain flexible throughout the year. This is to ensure that we constantly meet the ever changing needs of the students in our care. Weekly topic updates will be communicated through the e-bulletin. However, the draft curriculum for the Autumn Half Term 1 is below:

Staying Safe

How can we be sensible online?

What impact does cyberbullying have?

Domestic Abuse

Gang Violence

Throughout this year, Year 9 will also study:

Careers and GCSE Options

Sex and Relationships - contraceptives, genital health and STIs

Exam skills and revision techniques

The Transition to GCSE

Wellbeing

Mindfulness and yoga are included in the year 9 curriculum as a way of supporting the mental health and wellbeing of our students. It is delivered on a seven week rotation that is timetabled with DT. Mindfulness teaches students strategies to cope with anxiety and stress. Mindfulness teaches students how to focus their attention on the here and now. It also helps students to feel calmer so that they can perform better. Yoga complements mindfulness as it requires focused attention, correct breathing techniques and helps to improve fitness.

We follow the MISPP, Mindfulness in Schools Programme and topics include - what is mindfulness?, paying attention, recognising worry, focusing on the here and now, mindful movement, the power of gratitude and coping with difficult feelings including anxiety and stress. The course encourages students to make mindfulness part of everyday life.

Year 9 Curriculum Topics Studied

Art

Autumn	Spring	Summer
Contemporary issues Print-making outcome	Portraiture controlled assessment project Mixed-media outcome	Colonialism Collage outcome

Equipment expected

HB pencil, sharpener, eraser, coloured pencils and ruler.

Students will also need to work in a Grey Court sketchbook both for class work and homework.

New Grey Court art packs are also available to purchase from the art department.

Main Texts / Reading List

Students should aim to experience live art wherever possible. London has an extraordinary number of free galleries and museums with permanent collections and many also offer free virtual tours for further access. These include traditional institutions such as The National Gallery, more contemporary collections in incredible display spaces like Tate Modern, and museums with art collections, such as the Imperial War Museum. There are also excellent local galleries with regularly rotating, free exhibitions. Please check anything you plan to visit is age appropriate and that, where necessary, you pre-book to avoid disappointment.

Recommended Websites

Access to Internet, printer or library for visual research and background information for each project.

<https://www.tate.org.uk/>

www.vam.ac.uk

Computer Science

Autumn	Spring	Summer
Data representation Networking	Boolean Algebra Computer Hardware & Architecture	Text-based Programming iDEA Project

Equipment expected

Access to Google Classroom from home would be beneficial but not essential as work may be completed in the library before school, during break and lunch time or after school.

Main Texts / Reading List

All learning resources will be shared via Google Classroom. Students will use Python in Pieces and Raspberry PI to support their learning of programming.

Recommended Websites

<https://classroom.google.com/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zvc9q6f>

www.projects.raspberrypi.org/

www.w3schools.com/

<https://code.org>

<https://applieddigitalskills.withgoogle.com/s/en-uk/home>

www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/znywvk7

www.snakify.org/en/

Design & Technology

Curriculum Outline

In year 9 students have a carousel of up to 5 different DT projects including Food and Nutrition. Each project will be 6-7 weeks long with Food and Nutrition being the only rotation all students are guaranteed to experience.

Possible Topics studied include:

Graphics – Design and make a prototype of a children's trainer developing hand drawing skills and modelling and prototyping with card using recycled materials.

Food and Nutrition - Food around the world: a deeper understanding of the influence of our multicultural society and the effects on food choice, as well as nutritional needs throughout different life stages. Building understanding of food provenance; six practical cooking sessions.

Textiles – Design and make a cushion cover using surface decoration techniques including applique, embroidery and printing.

Wellbeing - Yoga and mindfulness techniques.

Financial Literacy - students engage in a number of tasks designed to teach them how to: manage money, become a critical consumer, manage risks and emotions associated with money and to understand the important role money places in our lives. The scheme culminates in the award of a financial literacy certificate.

Equipment expected

Pen, pencil, eraser, coloured pencils, ruler (30cm), scissors, glue stick and calculator.

Food and Nutrition

Aprons are provided for students to wear during practical sessions but students must provide their own hair bands if they have long hair. A £25 contribution should be paid directly to the finance office to help pay for ingredients for the practical food tasks. A plastic container should also be brought to practical food lessons to store and transport prepared food.

Main Texts / Reading List

Students should aim to experience existing products wherever possible. London has an extraordinary number of free galleries and museums with permanent collections and many also offer free virtual tours for further access. These include traditional institutions such as The Graphics Museum and Textiles museum and more contemporary collections in incredible display spaces like the Victoria and Albert museums and Somerset House and not forgetting the architecture of the city itself and diverse restaurants and food markets such as Borough market. Please check anything you plan to visit is age/budget appropriate and that, where necessary, you pre-book to avoid disappointment.

Recommended Websites

www.design-technology.org/

www.nutrition.org.uk

www.foodafactoflife.org.uk/

www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize

www.threadbanger.com

www.Pinterest.com

<https://www.open.edu/openlearn/money-business/mses-academy-money/content-section-overview?active-tab=description-tab>

Drama

Autumn	Spring	Summer
Response to live theatre production (Theatre Analysis)	Monologues and Duologues (Script work)	Theatre in Education (Style and Devising theatre)

Equipment expected

N/A

Main Texts / Reading List

Extracts of scripts and texts will be provided for students via Google Classroom.

Recommended Websites

BBC GCSE Bitesize - Drama <http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/drama/> BBC GCCE Bitesize - English http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks3/english/speaking_listening/drama/revision/1/

Local Theatres The Rose Theatre

<http://www.rosetheatrekingston.org/?gclid=CPz6urWskbgCFdDJtAodeEEACg>

The Orange Tree Theatre <https://www.orangetreetheatre.co.uk/> Richmond Theatre

<http://www.atgtickets.com/venues/richmond-theatre/>

Theatres Further Afield The Lyric Hammersmith <https://lyric.co.uk/>

The National Theatre <http://www.nationaltheatre.org.uk/> Shakespeare's Globe

<http://www.shakespearesglobe.com/>

English

Autumn	Spring	Summer
The Crucible by Arthur Miller Speeches	Poetry from different cultures Romeo and Juliet	Exam preparation -Language Paper 2 Section A 19th century project

Pen, pencil, ruler, glue stick, colouring pencils.

Main Texts / Reading List

A reading list will be provided to students for each half term unit of work. This reading list will coincide with the topic we are covering in class and will provide students with a wide selection of novels (fiction and non-fiction) to choose from.

Examples of these titles include:

The Grapes of Wrath by John Steinbeck

Ophelia by Lisa Klein

Out of the Dust by Karen Hesse

Blue Lipstick: Concrete Poems by John Grandits

Not That Kind of Girl by Siobhan Vivian

The Rest of Us Just Live Here by Patrick Ness

Jane Eyre by Charlotte Brontë

Catcher in the Rye by J D Salinger

Recommended Websites

<https://www.sparknotes.com/shakespeare/>

<https://senecalarning.com/en-GB/> <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/z3kw2hv>

French

Autumn	Spring	Summer
Talking about holidays, discussing what you did in your holidays including a visit to a theme park. Talking about festivals and celebrations, buying food in the market and describing a future school trip.	Talking about celebrities , TV programmes, digital technology. Arranging to go to the cinema and talking about leisure activities. Talking about where you live, describing your region, your house, your daily routine.	Talking about sports, giving opinions, asking for directions and talking about injuries and illness. Revision of Autumn and Spring topics.
Grammar: avoir and être, perfect tense, present tense of regular verbs.	Grammar: singular and plural adjective agreement, questions, negatives, pouvoir + infinitive, reflexive verbs.	Grammar: jouer à and faire de, comparatives, the imperative, you must.

Equipment expected

Pen, pencil, ruler, glue stick, whiteboard pen, colouring pencils (see planner for full list).

Main Texts / Reading List

We loosely follow the textbook Pearson Dynamo 2

Recommended Websites

www.quizlet.com www.french-games.net/
www.language-gym.com
www.languagesonline.org.uk

Geography

Autumn	Spring	Summer
Extreme Weather and Climate Change Development, globalisation and conflict	Africa Global Issues	Ecosystems and an introduction to GCSE Geography

Equipment expected

Pens, pencils, rulers, coloured pencils, glue and scissors.

Main Texts / Reading List

No set textbook is used, however the KS3 Geography: Heading towards AQA GCSE (OUP) may be useful. For those students who wish to study GCSE Geography then the following textbook may also be useful: GCSE Geography (AQA approved) By Simon Ross, Rowles, Holmes & Digby

Recommended Websites

BBC Bitesize: www.bbc.com/education
Royal Geographical Society www.rgs.org

German

Autumn	Spring	Summer
Holidays, weather, problems on holiday. Film and TV preferences, screen time, reading preferences.	Breakfast, traditional German food, healthy lifestyle, sport. Daily routine, time, directions, festivals, activity holidays.	Clothing, making plans to go out, describing how the event went.
Grammar: The past (perfect) tense with haben and sein, imperfect tense, modal verbs, prepositions.	Grammar: present tense of essen, trinken, nehmen, using IN with dative and accusative cases, modal verbs, reflexive verbs, separable verbs, zu + dative case, imperative.	Grammar: future and perfect tenses, wenn, forming questions, um...zu Film module – Das Wunder von Bern.

Equipment expected

Pen, pencil, ruler, glue stick, whiteboard pen, colouring pencils (see planner for full list).

Main Texts / Reading List

We loosely follow the Pearson Stimmt 2 textbook ISBN 9781447935223

Recommended Websites

www.quizlet.com

www.languagesonline.org.uk

www.duolingo.com www.bbc.co.uk/languages/german

www.dw.de

History

Autumn	Spring	Summer
Problems in Weimar Germany The rise of the Nazis World War II	The civil rights movements in the USA and Britain The Cold War	The Holocaust Terrorism

Equipment expected

Pens, pencils, rulers, coloured pencils, glue and scissors.

Main Texts / Reading List

Technology, War and Independence: 1901 - Present Day Student Book -

- ISBN-10: 0198393210
- ISBN-13: 978-0198393214

Recommended Websites

Google Classroom

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zk26n39>

<http://www.activehistory.co.uk>

<http://www.schoolhistory.co.uk>

<http://www.historylearningsite.co.uk>

<http://spartacus-educational.com/>

Mandarin

Autumn	Spring	Summer
<p>Furniture in my bedroom, preposition words (under/in/on), colours and clothes, traditional Chinese costumes, daily routine, Chinese culture.</p> <p>Grammar: measure words related to furniture, using structure 'there is/ isn't (furniture) in my bedroom', using adverb 'all', possessive word to describe colours.</p>	<p>Places in town, prepositions (left, right, in front of etc), meet with friends, weekend plans, rooms in my house, extended family members, comparing rooms, Chinese culture.</p> <p>Grammar: using prepositions to describe where things are, future tense, using 'will', 'would like to', next weekend' to make extended sentences, comparison structure.</p>	<p>Jobs, places for work, fruit and vegetables, Chinese currency, asking how much something costs and bargaining, Chinese culture, film module.</p> <p>Grammar: using affirmative and negative to ask yes/no questions, using future tense talking about ideal jobs and using 'because' to give reasons.</p>

Equipment expected

Pens (blue or black, and green), pencil, ruler, glue stick, highlighter, whiteboard marker and scissors.

Main Texts / Reading List

We loosely follow Jin Bu 1 & Jin Bu 2 text books.

ISBN 9780435041137

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Recommended Websites

https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/		
https://www.mdbg.net/chinese/dictionary/		
https://www.duolingo.com/		
https://uk.gochinese.net/		

Mathematics

Autumn	Spring	Summer
Reasoning with Algebra	Reasoning with Number	Reasoning with Proportion
Constructing in 2 and 3 Dimensions	Reasoning with Geometry	Representation and Revision

Equipment expected

Scientific calculator, protractor, compass, ruler, pen (blue or black, and green), pencil, whiteboard pen, glue and scissors.

Main Texts / Reading List

Student Online Scheme of Work for Sparx Maths Video Numbers, interactive worksheets and topic knowledge organisers. (Access via Google Classroom)

Collins: White Rose Maths Student Book 3 -

<https://collins.co.uk/collections/white-rose-maths/products/9780008400903>

Recommended Websites

<https://sparxmaths.com/>

<https://corbettmaths.com/contents/>

Music

Autumn	Spring	Summer
Diagnostic baseline assessments and introduction to music PLUS - Music of the Romantic Era - Focus on Listening & Performing. * Students will work through three topics across the year in a different order depending on class/year	World/Fusion Music - Music of the people - Folk Music Focus on Listening & Composition/Improvisation. Extended writing. * Students will work through three topics in a different order depending on class/year	Popular Music - The Big Three - The history and development of music in the 20/21st Century Focus on Composition & listening. * Students will work through three topics in a different order depending on class/year

Main Texts / Reading List

All reading, audio/visual resources are contained in the 'student slides' resources shared at the start of the course or during the term. Google classroom.

Recommended Websites

<http://www.spartacus.schoolnet.co.uk/REVmusic.htm>

<http://www.musicalcontexts.co.uk/index.htm>

<http://www.musictheory.net/>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/composers/>

<http://www.rpfuller.com/gcse/music/romantic.html>

PE

Autumn	Spring	Summer
Invasion games, cross country, inter house competitions, athletics, fitness, net and wall activities	Invasion games, Sports Education, inter house competitions, gymnastics/dance, fitness, net and wall activities	Athletics, tennis, rounders, softball,cricket

Equipment expected

Full Grey Court PE Kit: blue round-neck t shirt, shorts, GC track pants and GC track top. Blue Grey Court socks or white sport or trainer socks. Rugby top for those taking rugby. Baselayer when extremely cold (blue or white preferably).

Football boots, sports trainers (no plimsoles, skate shoes or high top trainers). Shin pads, gum shield and hairbands (if hair is longer than shoulder length). If ill or injured, students must still wear their PE kit (if a practical lesson) as they can undertake another role in the class (e.g. coach or referee). Failure to do this will lead to a PE detention. Students must remember asthma pumps, epipens and any other medication for every lesson.

Recommended Websites

<http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/physical-education/gcse/physical-education-8582>

Religious Studies

Autumn	Spring	Summer
Life after death Matters of Life	Introduction to Philosophy	Matters of Death Religion, war, and peace

Equipment expected

Pens, pencils, rulers, coloured pencils, glue and scissors.

Main Texts / Reading List

Access to a quality newspaper will provide a useful insight in the role religion plays in today's world

Recommended Websites

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/0/>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/ethics/abortion/>

Science

Autumn	Spring	Summer
Electricity	Floating and sinking	GCSE TASTER - Chemistry
Photosynthesis	Waves	GCSE TASTER - PHYSICS
Periodic table	Mid Year Assessment	End of Year Assessment
Magnets	GCSE TASTER - Biology	
Ecology and Natural Selection		

Order of topics will differ due to teacher splits

Equipment expected

Pens (black or blue, plus green), pencil, ruler, protractor, eraser, sharpener, calculator, glue and scissors.

Main Texts / Reading List

Activate Biology, Chemistry and Physics Book (available online through the school for free).

Recommended Websites

- <http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks3/science>
- Senecalarning.com
- <https://sparxscience.com/>

All other lesson and revision materials will be available on Google Classroom.

Spanish

Autumn	Spring	Summer
Talking about things you like, your week, films and birthday celebrations. Saying what you have to do at work, what job you would like to have, what you did at work yesterday, describing a typical day at work.	Talking about eating habits, active lifestyle, daily routine, ailments and getting fit. Talking about children's lives, rights and school journeys. Discussing environmental issues.	Meeting and greeting people, describing a day trip, buying souvenirs and describing your last day of a holiday. Revision of Autumn and Spring topics.
Grammar: gusta verbs, the present tense and the near future, tener que + infinitive, adjective-noun agreement, the preterite and the preterite and the present used together.	Grammar: negatives, stem-changing verbs, reflexive verbs, se debe and no se debe.	Grammar: 3rd person singular and plural forms of verbs, poder + infinitive, the comparative.

Pen, pencil, ruler, glue stick, whiteboard pen, colouring pencils (see planner for full list).

Main Texts / Reading List

We loosely follow the Viva 3-Segunda Edición text book.

Recommended Websites

www.languagesonline.org.uk
www.quizlet.com
www.bbc.co.uk/languages/spanish
www.duolingo.com
www.bbc.co.uk/languages/

Rewarding our Students

The House System at Grey Court

The house system aims to enhance student achievement and motivation through promoting inter-house competition. In 2024-2025, we had House competitions across 12 subject areas. The four houses are Aztec, Roman, Spartan and Trojan.

Allocating a House

In order to promote a strong tutor group ethos, whole tutor groups are allocated to the same house. Each house consists of two tutor groups from each year, one from A band and one from B band.

House Points

House points are an important part of motivating students in their day to day lessons. Staff allocate house points to reward student achievement such as: sustained effort, exemplary work, high attainment or excellent class participation. Points are also awarded for representing the school at extra-curricular activities and showing respect and courtesy. A high number of points results in the award of a certificate at end of term celebration assemblies.

House Competitions

Each year we hold a number of inter-house sporting and faculty competitions. Each of these contributes towards the final totals which decide the overall winning house. All members of that house are awarded a fun afternoon out during the following academic year. The more people you have involved in House competitions, the more points you will collect as a House! The House competition culminates with the much anticipated Grey Court Sports Day, with final results announced on the last day of term.

Safeguarding

Grey Court School recognises that all adults in our school have a full and active part to play in protecting our students from harm. The Designated Safeguarding Lead is Ms V Price (vprice@greycourt.org.uk) and the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead is Mrs S Mercer (smerc@greycourt.org.uk) The nominated governors (safeguarding) are Julian Knott. and Elizabeth Rowley. If you have a safeguarding concern about a child please contact Ms Price or Mrs Mercer, or if you prefer to remain anonymous, contact Achieving for Children SPA (Single Point of Access) Call 020 8547 5008 from 8am to 6pm, Monday to Friday, or 020 8770 5000 out of hours. If a child is in crisis, please call the crisis line 0800 0288000 or if you think a child is in immediate danger please take them to A&E or call 999

For further information, please see the Safeguarding section on the Grey Court School Website <https://www.greycourt.richmond.sch.uk/page/?title=Safeguarding&pid=61>

Conditions of Use of Photographs of Students

Throughout the school's academic year and your child's school life, photographs may be taken of your son/daughter. These photographs may be used in a range of contexts:

School publications, for example the prospectus

School noticeboard displays

Local newspapers as part of the media coverage of a school event

School website

Grey Court facebook and twitter pages, Grey Court Youtube channel.

Internal teacher training materials and or conferences

Local education authority publications and website.

If you do not want your son or daughter to appear in any photographs, please contact Ms V Price as soon as possible.

Acceptable Use of IT

Grey Court School expects all students to be safe and responsible when using any of the IT resources. This includes the use of the internet, e-mail and social networking sites. In particular, students must ensure that all IT communication is respectful and sensible. Any online activity, in and outside school, must not cause distress to others, nor bring the reputation of the school into disrepute. If students come across offensive or illegal material online or within the school's systems, they should report this immediately to a member of staff.

Students must understand that there are consequences to inappropriate or unacceptable use of IT, which could result in parents or the police being informed and/or suspension of access to their school IT account. This is especially true of any forms of abuse like cyber bullying.

Use of AI and Plagiarism

Artificial Intelligence (AI) tools can be useful for learning, but using them to complete your work dishonestly is strictly prohibited. Any work submitted must be your own. Copying or using AI generated content and passing it off as your own is considered plagiarism. AI tools must not be used to complete homework, write essays, or produce any work that you then try to pass off as your own. This includes copying or editing AI generated content and submitting it as if you wrote it. All work you submit must be your own original effort. Any misuse of AI in this way will lead to sanctions. If you use AI, it must be done responsibly to support your learning, not to do the work for you.

School Network/Internet Acceptable Use Policy

1. School network: The school network provides filtered access to the internet to support student learning. Student use of the IT services is monitored by the school. We use filtering software in an attempt to ensure that all inappropriate websites are blocked.

Each student is provided with a secure area on our network in which to store work. Periodic random checks will be made as to the content of these files. Students found storing inappropriate material on our network may have the facility withdrawn and action taken.

Users will not attempt to gain unauthorised access to the Grey Court School network or go beyond their authorised access. This includes attempting to log-on through another student or staff account or try to access another user's files. These actions are deemed illegal under the computer misuse act - even if only for the purposes of "browsing" or "exploring".

An individual search will be conducted if there is reasonable suspicion that users have violated this policy. The investigation will be reasonable and related to the suspected violation.

Users will not make deliberate attempts to disrupt the computer system or destroy data by spreading computer viruses or by any other means. These actions are illegal.

Storage of non-school data and applications is prohibited.

Any attempt to install unauthorised software, apps or games is strictly prohibited.

2. Email and Internet: The school will issue every student with an email address which they can use both in school and at home. This is a filtered service and is programmed to automatically intercept the use of profanity, suspicious words and other abuse or inappropriate attachments. The school will be notified if any student abuses the email system. Random checks of email accounts will be made as part of our monitoring procedures and students found to be using the system inappropriately will have their accounts closed and action will be taken. Students who repeatedly try to access non educational or unapproved websites like gaming sites, inappropriate video websites, music streaming, social networking and any other sites deemed to be inappropriate by the school may have their access to the internet withdrawn and action taken. Any student viewing adult material will automatically have their network access withdrawn and the student's parents/carers will be notified, and action will be taken. Users will not attempt to bypass the ISP filtering system. Such attempts will result in a permanent ban of Internet access and further action may be taken.

3. System Security: Users are responsible for their individual user area and should take all reasonable precautions to prevent others from being able to use it. Under no circumstances should users let any other student know their password. Users will immediately notify a teacher or a member of IT staff if they have identified a possible security problem. Users MUST NOT go looking for security problems because this will be construed as an illegal attempt to gain access. Users should take every precaution to avoid the inadvertent spread of computer viruses. Unchecked USB flash/pen drives must not be used and email attachments that are suspect or from unknown sources should not be opened. Users will not download computer programs or files from the Internet without permission from a member of staff. Users will not try to load computer programs onto the Grey Court School Network or attempt to run programs that are not accessed through the Start Menu or Desktop screen. Monitoring software alerts the school to inappropriate web searches by individuals. These alerts are followed up and appropriate action is taken by the school.

4. Misuse of resources: Any student found to be tampering, damaging or otherwise abusing the school's IT facilities will be dealt with in the strongest possible manner.

Users will avoid unnecessary printing. A record of all printing is logged automatically by the printing accounting software. Any student found to be abusing their printing quota will have their ability to print withdrawn and will be invoiced for the excessive paper and toner used.

Accessing and playing games via the Internet is not allowed. A limited number of games do have some significant educational value and these listed 'games' are the only ones users are permitted to access.

For copyright reasons, users must not download or store commercial music or video files anywhere on the school network, at any time.

Shared areas on the school network are for sharing and transferring school files; users are responsible for their removal when they are no longer needed. If users place inappropriate files in a shared area then their network access is liable to be suspended.

Listening to online radio broadcasts or watching website video clips online slows the whole network. Unless this is for educational reasons and permission has been given by a member of staff, this is not allowed.

Users of iPads must not tamper with the settings or any application that has not been instructed for use. Misuse of the school's iPads is taken very seriously, students found to be using them inappropriately will be banned from using them and further action will be taken.

EduLink One

EduLink One is Grey Court's parental communication tool which can be accessed via the app or browser, providing parents and carers access to information held by the school on students including: achievement and behaviour points, timetables, homework, attendance, clubs, and catering balances.

If you need help setting up your account, please contact rjacob@greycourt.org.uk.

You will need to use the School ID: grey or greycourt, or tw107hn when asked. Once you have finished setting up your account, if you notice one of your children is missing from EduLink One, please email rjacob@greycourt.org.uk with the full name and year group of your child who is not appearing.

Students can also access EduLink One via the app or browser, using the School ID (grey or greycourt), and their school network (not email) login details. e.g. Freddie James who joined Greycourt in September 2025 username would be fjames25.

(* Year 7 student passwords will be issued in their first computing or DT lesson).

Google Classroom

Google Classroom is our VLE (virtual learning environment). Teachers will provide resources for students on the platform which they can access from home. Students will also have access to a variety of free Google software including a word processor, spreadsheet, presentation, and unlimited storage.

Students should login to the Grey Court Google Classroom platform directly from the Google homepage by clicking 'Sign in' in the top right hand corner.

Students' usernames and passwords will be issued by their computer science teacher.

Please contact Mr Jacob or the IT Technician team if you require any support.

rjacob@greycourt.org.uk

helpdesk@greycourt.org.uk.

Teachers will use Google Classroom to set and log homework for students. Students may be required to hand in their homework via Google Classroom, or check Google Classroom to find out the details of the homework and complete it in their exercise books.

Mobile Phones

Our aim is to provide students with a mobile phone free school environment. With the pressures of mobile phone trends, and social media, we want our school environment to enable a digital detox for our young people. Therefore, all students in Year 7-11 will be required to hand their phones in daily. Phones will be collected in AM registration and stored in a secure environment, and collected back by the student at the end of the day, in PM registration, or after a detention. This will allow them space from their phones throughout the school day.

KS5 students operate a 'not seen, not heard' policy in lessons, and around the main school site. They are permitted to use their phones in the sixth form building common areas.

Grey Court Expectations

Arrive at lessons on time and with the proper equipment to learn effectively.

Enter quietly when asked to and quickly get ready to learn by taking out your equipment. Coats should have been removed before entering the classroom.

Remain silent and concentrate while your teacher talks to the class. Your teacher has a right to teach and all of your classmates have a right to learn.

Follow all the school rules and instructions from teachers all of the time.

Pack away and leave only when your teacher tells you to do so. Make sure the room is tidy before you leave.

RESPECT for each other is most important. There is no excuse for rudeness.